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MEDIA ALERT

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NONPROFIT HONORS COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS AT AWARDS CEREMONY

College Forward celebrates its first college graduate this year

Austin, TX – On Tuesday, May 26, College Forward will honor students at its fifth annual Student Awards Ceremony. College Forward is a nonprofit organization providing college preparatory services to low-income students who want to attend four-year colleges. Over 400 students and family members will gather at the ceremony to celebrate the year's accomplishments.

One of the guests of honor, Eiliana Castañeda, is College Forward's very first college graduate. Eiliana was a part of College Forward's first class at Hays High School in 2004, and received ongoing support during her four as a student at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Eiliana graduated with a degree in Biology on May 2, and plans to attend optometry school. She will receive a Preeminent Graduate award for her achievement.

Other awards to be presented include honors for standardized test score improvement, initiative and leadership, and community service.

This year's College Forward seniors are bound for over 40 colleges, including the University of Texas at Austin, Rice University in Houston, Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and Cornell College in Iowa.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 26, 2009
Program: 7:00–8:00 pm
Reception: 8:00-9:00 pm

WHERE: Mabee Ballroom, Ragsdale Center, St. Edward's University
3001 Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78704

ABOUT COLLEGE FORWARD: College Forward is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides college preparatory and college retention services to motivated, economically-disadvantaged students in order to facilitate their transition to college and make the process exciting and rewarding. We believe that access to higher education is the right of every young Texan.

Our High School Program serves students at seven high schools in the greater Austin area: Crockett High School, Del Valle High School, Georgetown High School, Jack C. Hays High School, Lehman High School, Stony Point High School, and Travis High School. Our College Retention Program serves Collegians attending colleges nationwide.

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